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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9903

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TAGS: SENV, GW

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE OZONE LAYER DUE TO
AEROSOL SPRAYS

REF: STATE 100032

1. AS REQUESTED PARA 4 REFTTEL, EMBASSY MADE AN
INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES IN
FRG RE POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE OZONE LAYER DUE TO
AEROSOL SPRAYS.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED THE FRG INTERIOR
MINISTRY, THE COMPETENT FRG MINISTRY IN ENVIRONMENTAL
MATTERS, AND SPOKE TO MINISTERIALRAT WILFRIED
GOERKE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MEDICAL AND BIOLOGICAL
PROBLEMS OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL. GOERKE SAID THAT
HIS MINISTRY HAS NOT INITIATED A STUDY OF
ITS OWN. HOWEVER, THE ASSOCIATION OF CHEMICAL
INDUSTRIES (VERBAND DER CHEMISCHER INDUSTRIE - VCI)
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LOCATED IN BONNHAS REQUESTED AND OBTAINED

FROM ITS MEMBER COMPANIES STUDIES ON FREON DAMAGE TO THE STRATOSPHERE. THESE HAVE BEEN COMPILED BY FARBWERKE HOECHST AG, BUT THIS WORK HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND WILL NOT BE.(HOECHST IS PRESENTLY UNDERTAKING A FURTHER STUDY IN COOPERATION WITH THE MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR CHEMISTRY IN MAINZ.)

3. VCI WAS PROMPTED TO MAKE ITS OWN INVESTIGATION BY A U.S. STUDY WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN "NATURE", IN JULY, 1974 ("STRATOSPHERIC SINK FOR CHLORO-FLUOROMETHANES, CHLORINE ATOM CATALYZED DESTRUCTION OF OZONE" BY F.S.ROWLAND AND MARIO J. MOLINA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE). THIS INDUSTRY-SPONSORED STUDY DID NOT RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.

4. A VCI OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE U.S. STUDY ARE NOT THE LAST WORD ON THE SUBJECT AND STILL LEAVE ROOM FOR FURTHER SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION, THE MASS MEDIA IN FRG AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE USED THESE CONCLUSIONS AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR WILD CONJECTURE AS TO THE DANGER OF AEROSOL SPRAYS TO THE OZONE LAYER.
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